

CITY HALL, CITY OF ARLINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
March 17, 2025

The City Council met as the Board of Equalization in the Council Room in the Municipal Building. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Curt Lundquist and Council Members: Gary Kaufmann, Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Beth Sundberg, Sue Falconer, and School Board Member Paul Burns. Absent: Rob Achterberg

Appeal #1: Parcel #8250 Charles & Naomi Johnson filed a request to appeal their assessed value of the residential property (vacant) as they feel the valuation is higher than market value and they believe the acre amount is incorrect as well as the address for Charlie is showing DeSmet, not Arlington. Tammy Anderson (Director of Equalization/DOE) said she had spoken to the Register of Deeds Director who advised that the amount of acres was changed/corrected in 2024, but that she will reach back out to her on Tuesday morning and verify. If something needs to be changed, she will get it changed. As there was nothing for the Council to vote on, no motion was made.

Appeal #2: Parcel #7791 – Josh Freeseaman filed a request to appeal his assessed value of his residential property as he feels the valuation is higher than market value. Freeseaman said he could not sell his property for the amount it was assessed for. Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Kaufmann to decrease the home valuation to \$263,425.00 and leave the land valuation at \$20,625.00 for a total valuation of \$284,049.00 for the parcel after comparing to similar homes in the area. All in favor—Carried.

Appeal #3: Parcel #5281 – Three B, LLC filed a request to appeal the assessed value of their residential property as they feel the valuation is higher than market value. After they had spoken with the Director of Equalization, they both (DOE & Three B) agreed upon an assessment amount. Motion was made by Mutziger, seconded by Achterberg to decrease the home valuation to \$62,000 and leave the land valuation at \$18,563.00 for a total valuation of \$80,563.00 for the parcel. All in favor—Carried.

There were two structure assessment corrections received from the DOE (parcel #5231 and #5041) to increase the values. Motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Rowbotham to approve said corrections. All in favor—Carried.

The assessment books were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Kaufmann to approve the Brookings County and Kingsbury County assessment books. All in favor—Carried.

Motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Rowbotham to adjourn the meeting. All in favor—Carried.

Stephanie Damm, Finance Officer

Curt Lundquist, Mayor

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Trifon Theodosopolous addressed the Council regarding a broken water line. He was asked how the water got turned on, to which he responded “I did.” The City crew member believes they must have hit the water line without knowing it. A locate was called in, but there were no flags there. Rowbotham asked him how much the bill was and Trifon let him know he had not received it yet. This could also affect the 12x24 cement pad that may need to be re-poured so the cooler/freezer can sit on it properly. The Council will look into the details of this incident and get back to Trifon.

Charlie Johnson mentioned someone was driving across his alfalfa – since a sheriff’s deputy was in attendance, he said they were not aware but can start watching for that.

Brad Bunker spoke to the Council about tiling across his property as the property owner to the south agreed to have it connecting to his tiling. This would alleviate the water flooding/backup in the north and east ends of his property and help the neighbors in those areas. The amount for this is \$3680.82. This amount would include two inlets, pipe and labor. It would mean digging up Hickory St. (not boring). Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Kaufmann to split the cost 50/50 (city would pay 50%, Brad and/or other owners would pay 50%). All in favor—Carried.

Seal Coat and Crack Sealing Bids were opened with DeSmet on March 7. There were three companies who submitted bids for the project to seal coat approximately 48,000 sq yards of street:

Bituminous Paving Inc, Ortonville, MN--\$3.25/sq yd using pea rock or rock chips
The Road Guy, Yankton, SD--\$2.00/sq yd using pea rock, and \$2.08/sq yd using rock chips
Midwest Coatings Co, Modale, IA--\$3.38/sq yd using pea rock, and \$3.64/sq yd using rock chips

Motion was made by Sundberg, second by Johnson to accept the bid as received from The Road Guy to do 48,000 sq yds (more or less) of seal coating using rock chips at the cost of \$2.08/sq yd. All in favor—Carried
Next, the Council reviewed the quotes that had been received for the crack sealing project for approximately 12,000 linear feet. There were two companies who submitted quotes for this project:

Hiway Improvement, Sioux Falls, SD —\$.88/l.f.
Midwest Coatings Co, Modale, IA --\$1.38/l.f.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Falconer to accept the bid as received from Hiway Improvement to do 12,000 linear feet (more or less) of crack sealing at a cost of \$.88/linear ft. All in favor—Carried.

Lean-to permits and charges were discussed and the Council advised that this topic needs to be on the next agenda, but for the permit turned in prior to the meeting from 1481, the cost will be \$40.00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson seconded by Falconer. All in favor—Carried.

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